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25 September 1958

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Third Meeting, 23 September 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT

STATE - Leo Goodman
John J. Morrow, Alternate
AIR - Maj. George Kudravetz
ARMY - Henry Holz
NAVY - Lt. Cmdr. H.A. Dorr
NSA - [REDACTED] 25X9A8
NSF - Burton W. Adkinson
LC - Lewis C. Coffin
USIA - H. Roth Newpher
CIA - [REDACTED] Chairman 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] Secretary

VISITORS

STATE - Nobel Melencamp 25X1A9a
CIA - [REDACTED]

1. Change of Committee Name. The Chairman announced that as a result of National Security Council action, the United States Intelligence Board was created effective 15 September, terminating the Intelligence Advisory Committee. The indicator PROCIB is to be used vice PROCIAC, with all series of its documents continuing in the numerical sequences previously established.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the second meeting were approved, with the addition of "alternate" after the name of John J. Morrow, State.
3. New Members. The Chairman welcomed Messrs. Adkinson, Carroll, and Coffin to their first meeting with the Committee.
4. Counterpart Funds. Responsibility for presentation of this subject was incorrectly assigned to USIA on the agenda for this meeting instead of to the Library of Congress. Mr. Coffin reported that the 85th Congress amended the Mutual Security Act and Public Law 480 specifically as follows:

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"financing under the direction of the Librarian of Congress, in consultation with the National Science Foundation and other interested agencies, in such amounts as may be specified from time to time in appropriation acts, (1) programs outside the United States for the analysis and evaluation of foreign books, periodicals, and other materials to determine whether they would provide information of technical or scientific significance in the United States and whether such books, periodicals, and other materials are of cultural or educational significance; (2) the registry, indexing, binding, reproduction, cataloging, abstracting, translating, and dissemination of books, periodicals, and related materials determined to have such significance; and (3) the acquisition of such books, periodicals, and other materials and the deposit thereof in libraries and research centers in the United States specializing in the areas to which they relate;"

As a first step in the implementation of this program, the Acting Librarian of Congress called by letter for a meeting on 1 October 1958 at the Library of Congress, to include representatives from: National Science Foundation, National Library of Medicine, Department of State and Agriculture, CIA, Association of Research Libraries, American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. Mr. Coffin concluded his report by stating that the foreign currencies to be used for these projects must first be appropriated by Congress.

The Chairman announced that in response to the Library of Congress letter, he will represent PROCIB, and the Secretary of PROCIB will represent CIA at the October 1 meeting. The Navy member raised the question of non-intelligence representation by the Department of Defense at this meeting. The National Science Foundation member accepted responsibility for appropriate coordination. PROCIB will be fully informed of future developments in this important program.

5. Proposed Classified Supplement to the Library of Congress Serial Publications of the Soviet Union, 1939-1957. The Secretary called attention to the publication Check List of USSR Periodicals in the CIA Library which was distributed to PROCIB members. This Check List is to be used as the basis of the Classified Supplement to the Library of Congress Serial Publications of the Soviet Union, 1939-1957. Members were asked to list their unique holdings, together with an indication of titles they may have that are already in the List. The composite result will be the Classified Supplement. The NSA member indicated that her Agency cannot participate in such a listing for security reasons. The Chairman asked NSA to prepare a separate listing of unique titles. NSA will report.

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6. Library of Congress Proposal for a Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions. The Library of Congress member gave a preliminary report on the magnitude of the problem involved in the preparation of a Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions. Estimates as to the number of periodical articles to be indexed, for example, vary from 105,000 to 185,000 per year. The Library of Congress hopes to have a draft proposal ready for the next meeting. The Chairman requested Committee members to canvass their respective agencies, regarding a) the need for such a publication, and b) ability to contribute to a central pool for payment of the costs of producing such an Index. The National Science Foundation will check the proposal out with appropriate non-intelligence agencies.
7. Status of Procurement Evaluations. The State Department reported that the draft of the Far Eastern procurement evaluation is being reviewed by appropriate agencies, and that the finished evaluation should be sent to the field shortly. The Chairman reminded members that evaluations on Scandinavia and Latin America are due by 1 October. Comments should be transmitted directly to ICD/State, using same format as previous evaluations.
8. USSR Subscriptions in Moscow. The Chairman read from a CIA Library paper comparing 1958 and 1959 subscriptions to USSR periodicals available in Moscow. Reference was made also to the fact that the new 1959 Soyuzpechat' catalog lists approximately 30 new All-Union serial titles and over 300 Republic titles.
9. Invitation to New Members. It was unanimously agreed to invite representatives from the two National Libraries in Washington (Agriculture and Medicine) to participate in Committee meetings. The Secretary has sent letters of invitation.
10. Proposed PROCIB Action. The Chairman reported his concern that there were many instances in the U.S. Government community where foreign publications are procured either by Government travellers abroad or by other means and then not reported as available to the research community. To remedy this situation, he proposed that a letter (PROCIAC-D-6, 16 September 1958, Draft) be sent to the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Labor, Treasury, etc. asking for their cooperation in ensuring that foreign publications procured be reported to the respective libraries and in turn, reported in one or another of the available reporting media. Copies of the draft letter were distributed to the members, who were requested to phone in their comments to the Secretary by 1 October.

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11. Far Eastern Trip. The Chairman reported that Messrs. Paul A. Borel [redacted] have departed on their Far Eastern trip. He thanked the various members for the assistance of their agencies and reported further that the State member plans to join the above two in [redacted] 25X1A6a
PROCIB will be kept informed as appropriate.

12. Article on Russian Exchange Programs. The Secretary distributed for information a translation of an article from 5 August 1958 issue of Sovetskaya Kul'tura, by B. Kanevskiy, on the publications exchange program in the USSR.

13. Availability of U.S. Publications to USSR. The Navy member reported that a Washington bookseller has been designated by the USSR Embassy as purchasing agent for U.S. publications. The Navy member raised the question whether reciprocity should be considered. It was agreed not to tamper with the existing situation, since the Publications Officer and his assistant in Moscow do not have access problems as of the moment. This led to general discussion of the release of unclassified U.S. Department of Defense and other Government publications to the Russians. The National Science Foundation member will report on this subject at a future meeting.

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Secretary

Note From the Secretary: It is in our CIA Security Regulations that security classification of meetings be clearly stated. I wish to remind the members of PROCIB that all meetings of PROCIB are to be considered SECRET unless specifically stated otherwise. Release of any information from these meetings should be treated accordingly.

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